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Rangaswami Reddi, Mr. M. B.
Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar, Diwan Bahadur C. S.
Sahajanandam, Swami A. S.
Sami Venkatachalam Chetti, Mr.
Satyanarayana Choudari, Mr. C.
Sesha Reddi, Mr. B. P.
Shetty, Mr. A. B.
Siva Raj, Mr. N.
Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar, Mr. K. S.
Soundara Pandian, Mr. W. P. A.
Sreshta, Mr. M. S
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. T. C.
Sriramulu, Mr. G.
Subbarayan, Dr. P.
Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
Subrahmanyam Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Vedachala Mudaliyar, Mr. M.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venkataramayya, Rao Sahib Badeti.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Watson, I.C.S., Mr. H. A.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Chemudu.
Zamindar of Minampalli.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

Arms and Ammunition

Number of crop protection licences in Bellary district.

* 180 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the number of crop protection licences issued and withdrawn respectively in each of the taluks of the Bellary district since the issue of the Government of India Resolution (paragraph 13) No. F.-829-1-22, dated 3rd November 1923, republished at pages 1340–1343 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 27th November 1923, and the number of such licences in force, before the receipt of the orders referred to above?

A.—The information is furnished below:—

Taluk.	Number of licences in force before the issue of the Government of India resolution referred to.	Number of licences issued after the issue of the Government of India resolution referred to.	Number of licences withdrawn after the issue of the Government of India resolution referred to.
Bellary ...	...	1	1
Hospet ...	...	1	1
Kudligi ...	1	1	1
Alur ...	1	...	...
Rayadrug ...	1	...	...
Other taluks.	...	...	...

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know the reasons why licences once issued were withdrawn?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"I shall call for the information."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I ask if the Government are aware that the crops in these parts are subject to devastation by wild animals?"

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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I have no information ; I shall inquire into the matter."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I know the object for which these licences are issued ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"For protection of crops."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I inquire what special facilities are given to the ryots ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"As I said, I shall inquire into the matter."

Criminal Justice

Issue of orders under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code.

* 181 *Q.*—Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state in how many places orders under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, have been issued prohibiting—

(*a*) picketing of toddy shops,

(*b*) picketing of foreign cloth,

(*c*) processions generally, and

(*d*) public meetings generally ?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for it.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"May I know whether there is likely to be any disturbance of peace when only one or two people go about picketing toddy shops and foreign cloth shops and when they do not form technically an unlawful assembly and considering the fact that even under the Ordinance it is not an offence ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"The Government issue these orders when they are convinced that they are necessary in the interest of the preservation of law and order."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"May I ask whether the Government consider that there is likely to be a breach of peace when two or three people are peacefully picketing and merely advising people not to purchase foreign cloth ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"Sometimes these things lead to a breach of peace."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"May I know the number of persons who constitute an unlawful assembly ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"It is a question of law."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"May I enquire whether less than five persons constitute an unlawful assembly, and whether one or two persons going about picketing is a menace to the Government ?"